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- X   1. An application for patent consisting of 11 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 11 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X   2. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X   3. Small entity status is asserted in this matter.

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Basic Fee						385
Total Claims	18 - 20	=	0	x	9	= 0
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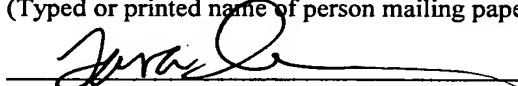


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